

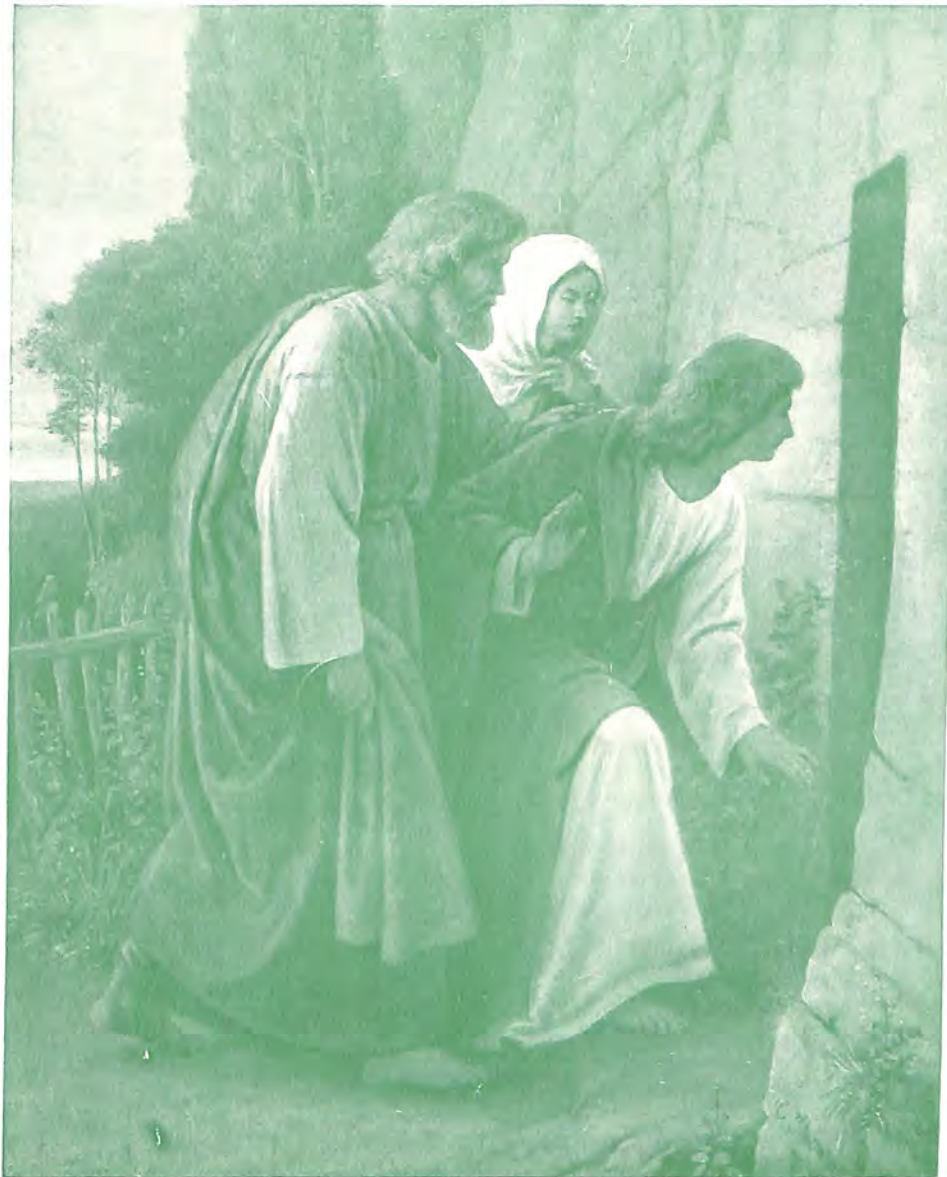
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**OBJECT** 1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

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## What Can I Say?

By THE REV. STANLEY V. WILCOX

EASTER DAY dawned this year with a new significance to thousands of God's people all over the world.

Released statistics to date tell us of the death of 176,649 men and women in all branches of our armed forces alone. These figures may be multiplied many times when we consider the total of all deaths to date in the many nations engaged.

In the great majority of instances, these deaths may be classed as untimely, unnatural, and premature. Most of them are violent deaths: the death we pray to be released from in the Litany—"From battle and murder, and from sudden death, Good Lord, deliver us."

As a rule, the average individual has no understandable philosophy that is satisfying in the event of an untimely death. The ordinary death, looked for and in some ways prepared for, we are willing to accept as natural and to be expected. It needs little or no explanation. We grieve at the parting, but usually hold no resentment against man or God.

Such is not true in the event of an untimely or violent end.

A young service man had just learned of the death of his dearest friend. He wanted to write to his friend's mother, but he said, "What can I say?"

A General wrote to the wife of a Lieutenant Colonel on learning that the Colonel had been reported killed in action. The Colonel had been a former staff officer serving under the General and a very close

friend. He received no reply. He writes: "It may be that I was not serious enough in my letter, as I talked about our old associations and encouraged his wife to hope that he might turn up some day as a prisoner. My letter evidently did not help her as I had hoped."

The only truly helpful letter, the one that should bring a measure of comfort and hope, is the letter that contains the message of Easter Day—the sure and certain hope of unending life guaranteed to all men through the Resurrection.

The Colonel's chauffeur was a very unusual man in many ways. He was a little older than the average enlisted man but still quite young. A careful driver of great skill and a good mechanic, he was, moreover, although of very humble birth, a man of considerable culture and refinement.

On long trips with the Colonel and staff officers, he was at times on terms of easy familiarity, but he was careful never to take advantage of this at any time. He was driving one of the first jeeps issued to the regiment. On the only hill in the road in a stretch of at least sixty miles, the car ran over an embankment at an exact right angle to the road. The snub-nose of the jeep struck the stump of a pine tree and turned completely over, killing his companion and causing a fatal head injury to the driver. The track of the car showed clearly that the car had swerved violently to avoid striking either a parked car without lights or one of the many ani-

mals so frequently on the highways in that unfenced area of the South.

The chauffeur's mother and his fiancée came from West Virginia and arrived at the hospital just before his death—a death so sudden and so completely unexpected.

It is the same question over and over again. *What can I say?*

*What can I say?* That death is not the end! That the Resurrection is an accredited historical fact! The disciples were not ignorant and overly credulous persons, but intelligent men convinced of the certainty of a fact—that Jesus was risen from the dead.

In this time of great uncertainty, when the world is so full of sundry and manifold changes, and when so much that is purely theoretical in the realm of human relationships, in government, and in religion, is constantly pressing for our attention, what a wonderful thing it is to have our faith firmly rooted and grounded in a fact!

What a comfort it is to be able to say or to write that because of the first Easter Day, "Death hath lost its painful story," and to say of those broken bodies, "There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural, and afterward that which is spiritual."

The chauffeur's mother said, "He was so unprepared to die." She did not say it as a criticism of God or of her son, but many of us have so heard it said.



What a comfort it is to know that it belongs to God and not to man to pass judgment upon us at our death.

It has been very truly said that death in battle cannot be called sudden death, and therefore may not be accompanied by the spiritual misfortune that sometimes accompanies sudden death. God governs by rules. "The tree lies as it falls," but it is not the last stroke that fells the tree, nor the last word that qualifies the soul.

We may still pray for a peaceable life, for release from violent death, and for a time of repentance, but we should never make ill-advised conclusions as to the state of the soul of those who die suddenly.

God does not say, live well, and thou shalt die well, that is, an easy and quiet death, but live well here and thou shalt live well forever. A good life flows into an eternal life independent of the way of death. Whether the gate to heaven be opened gently or hewed down by violence, the fact of the Resurrection assures me that a gate into Heaven I shall have. God's great care is that the soul is safe.

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT SWARTHMORE

Trinity Church, Swarthmore, the Rev. George Christian Anderson, Rector, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding with a special service on Sunday, June 17th. The following evening there will be a parish dinner.

The first service in the original church building was conducted by the late Rt. Rev. Ozi W. Whitaker, D.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, June 18, 1895. Assisting in this service was the late Rev. Fletcher Clark, who was appointed the first Missionary-in-charge. In 1898 the late Rev. Walter A. Matos became Vicar—later Rector—and served until his death in 1926. He was succeeded by the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, at the beginning of whose rectorship the present church was built. Mr. Anderson was installed as Rector in February, 1943, and, under his leadership, the interior of the church has been greatly beautified and the balance of the mortgage, amounting to over \$10,000, was cancelled.

## In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, Editor

The Lenten study of "The Men of St. Paul's," Elkins Park, was the First Epistle to the Corinthians. Services from this church are broadcast each Sunday from Station WIBG.

Twelve chapters of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese held a special service in the Church of the Mediator, West Philadelphia.

Students of many seminaries and ministers of all denominations make constant use of the Yarnall Library of Theology of St. Clement's Church, which is housed in the William Bacon Stevens Library of the Philadelphia Divinity School. The late Dr. Joseph Cullen Ayer, who served as librarian for many years, was largely responsible for the development and widespread usefulness of this library.

A civilian Youth Center is conducted in the Parish House of St. Barnabas Church, 64th and Haverford Avenue. Dances and games are provided on alternate Saturday evenings.

Sixteen candidates recently confirmed at St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, were each presented with a packet of literature, including *THE CHURCH NEWS*, *Forth*, *Forward Movement Bible Readings*, the *Book of Common Prayer*, and some twenty additional pieces of literature on the history and teaching of the Church.

The Rev. Leopold Damrosch, his wife and son, formerly of St. Luke's Hospital, Manila, were freed from a prison camp in Luzon. The Rev. Mr. Damrosch is the son of the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown.

Two former members of St. Clement's Parish, who are now in Holy Orders, have recently entered the military service as Chaplains: The Rev. William J. Barnett, Army; the Rev. Alexander M. Lukens, Navy.

Bishop Hart preached for three days during Lent at the noonday services at Trinity Church, Boston, where he was Rector at the time of his election to the Episcopate.

The Rev. Archibald Campbell Knowles, D.D., Rector of St. Alban's Church, Olney, published in the March 4th issue of *The Living Church*, "A General Intercession in Time of War and Distress."

The Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, holds its meetings on alternate Tuesday evenings in the homes of members.

Five women were included among the special speakers at some of the Lenten services in the Church of the Good Shepherd, East Falls: Miss Katharine A. Grammer, "Why We Believe in the Divinity of Christ"; Miss Pardee, "Japan and Southeast Asia"; Mrs. James DeWolf Perry, "The History of the Prayer Book"; Miss L. Wilkinson, "India"; Mrs. George Lupton Broomell, "What the Jew Can Contribute to the Post-War World."

Among distinguished clergymen who have been secured as preachers on Sunday afternoons at Christ Church are the Rev. Henry Sloan Coffin, President of Union Theological Seminary; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Minister of the Madison Avenue Methodist Church, New York City, and the Rev. Paul E. Scherer, Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, New York.

A recent article in *Forth* traces the beginning of the Church School Lenten Missionary Offering to the pioneering effort of Mr. John Marston, Superintendent of St. John's Sunday School, Cynwyd, in 1877. Since then the mite boxes have produced over thirteen million dollars.

Grace Church, Leidy Avenue and Girard Avenue, having merged with the Church of the Incarnation, Broad and Jefferson Streets, has sold its property to the congregation of the Lithuania Full Gospel Church.

The Rev. George E. Edgar, aged 84 years, a retired Priest of the Diocese of Easton, died at his home in Doylestown, Pa., on February 19th, after a long illness.

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## A COMMUNION ALMS FUND

The fund has been established under the direction of the Bishop and the Committee of the Clerical Brotherhood consisting of the Rev. Messrs. McKean, Fischer and Pugh. Some contributions to the fund have already been made. Since no one knows how useful it will be the arrangement is that it shall continue for three years to test its usefulness, and then be subject to review whether to continue or not.

Contributions from Parochial Communion Alms are solicited, will be banked with the Bishop's Fund, and a report made yearly.

Distributions will be made on application to the Bishop by any Clergyman who has a financial problem that is too great for him to meet from his own Communion Alms. Each application must be approved by at least two members of the Committee and by the Bishop. It is hoped that action may be prompt but not so hurried as to miss a proper investigation of each case. And of course the grant when made will be reported in the name of the Clergyman asking for it and not in the name of the person to be benefited.

### PRAYER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

ALMIGHTY GOD, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; Guide, we pray thee, with thy strong and peaceful wisdom, those who (will) take counsel for the nations of the earth at the United Nations Conference. And that we may worthily support them, deliver all thy people from selfishness and false ambitions. Grant that we may prepare our minds through study, our hearts through compassion and our souls through prayer and sacrament for a new world in which justice shall be assured to all and in which peace shall be enduring, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

NOTE—The above prayer is authorized for use in the Diocese.—  
OLIVER J. HART.

## Bishop Hart's Message



### COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

Recently I received a letter from one of the clergy in which he said in part: "Your request to us at the recent Clergy Conference to produce confirmation classes amounting to 9% of our communicant strength has given me much food for thought. I think the figure is too high by 3%. There is a danger in setting an absolute figure of that sort. The little fellows in the diocese, who are dependent upon you for a promotion, will feel that they must present larger confirmation classes in order to win your favor. The result will be that we will have a still larger proportion of those who look upon confirmation as a graduation exercise from the Church School, and who never appear again."

This letter is most timely and brings to our attention matters which we must not overlook. In the first place, the 9% goal was suggested by a layman of the diocese and not by me. His idea was that if we could reach the 9% goal each year we could double the communicant membership of this diocese in twenty years,—4% for replacement and 5% for growth. I quite agree with the writer of the above letter that an arbitrary figure of this sort is dangerous and was meant by the layman to be suggestive, rather than a fixed rule. The layman also had

in mind that we should try to average 9% throughout the diocese. Some parishes favorably situated might secure 12% or more, others might be able to secure only 4%.

You will note in my article in the February issue of *THE CHURCH NEWS* that I put special emphasis on the fact that the clergy should not present Candidates unless they are prepared. Certainly I hope that no clergyman will ever present a class with the idea of winning favor with anyone. The point which I most want to emphasize is that the entire parish must take an active interest in securing the confirmation class. I am not concerned with the numbers presented. I am concerned with whether or not it represents the best that *the entire congregation* can do.

One of the Noon-Day preachers, who came from another diocese, told me that he had a downtown parish and that in order to hold their present communicant strength his parish had to secure 150 new families every year. Over a period of ten years they have been able to do this. These were not all secured through confirmation. Many of them were church families who had moved into that city from elsewhere. In this diocese we have a number of Episcopalians who are not actively identified with any parish. Where parishioners have moved to another part of the diocese and are no longer active in your parish, it would help if you would take the initiative in urging them either to become active in your own parish or to transfer to the one in the area in which they live. If it was only a question of losing members, it would not be so serious but rectors and vestries ought to be greatly concerned because these are members of the Lord's family. They are Christ's flock, not ours.

I appreciate the comments and suggestions that have come to me. I hope that it indicates that our vestries are interested in working out definite plans to achieve the highest possible goal.

*Oliver J. Hart*



## 250th Easter at Christ Church

"Christ set out to win the free response of men, not the adherence of a crowd mystified by sensationalism," declared the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart in his Easter sermon at Christ Church, Philadelphia.

"The war has revealed how noble men and women can be," continued the Bishop, "but at the same time it has revealed a hideous selfishness. On the one hand we have men and women who are giving life and limb for others, and at the same time others are grasping for advantage. In such a world as this, a reasonable Christian will expect to undergo hardship," and he quoted, "That I may know Christ and the power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."

The 250th anniversary year of Christ Church is of particular significance to Episcopalians because it was here that the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States was organized. With the Rev. William White, Chaplain of the Continental Congress and first Bishop of Pennsylvania, presiding, the canons and constitution were framed, the prayer book adopted, and the first steps taken to secure the English Episcopate for this country. Within a few hours after Congress had made its Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, the vestry of Christ Church had met and passed a resolution to "omit those petitions in the liturgy wherein the King of Great Britain is prayed for." Nine years later, in 1785, Bishop White carried out this resolution, and the original prayer book, still bearing his writing in the margins and the strokes of his pen across passages to be deleted, is preserved at Christ Church.

That first general convention, held here September 27, 1785, included clerical and lay deputies from seven of the thirteen United States. Many of them were men who had participated in framing the Constitution. The first 29 conventions of the Church, except one, were held here, and Bishop White consecrated the first eleven bishops of this diocese in the historic chancel of Christ Church.

Christ Church not only marked a turning point in ecclesiastical his-

tory, but it is a monument to the American way of life. Thirty-six of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence were members of this congregation. This was the church of governors, statesmen and patriots. Vestry minutes of the Colonial period mention the names of Sir William Keith, George Thomas, James Hamilton, John Penn and Richard Penn as occupying the governor's pew and contributing toward the church funds. George Washington was a pew-holder between 1790 and 1797 when Philadelphia was the capital. Other historical figures mentioned as members in authoritative documents of the church include: Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross, Robert Morris, James Wilson, Benjamin Rush, Joseph Howes, Francis Hopkinson, George Ross and Horace Binney. Though its congregation of 500 formed a minority group in a colony governed by an assembly of 25 Quakers to three Churchmen, it was "Christ Church Militant," and its influence has been felt down through the years.

### SUPPORT FOR DUMBARTON OAKS PROPOSALS URGED

A co-ordinated appeal is being made to all Church men and women in this Diocese to study, discuss and voice their reactions to the proposals for a world organization originally developed at Dumbarton Oaks, further advanced at Yalta, and now to be submitted for adoption to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco.

We can by no means assume that the United States is so committed to a policy of international collaboration that it will approve these proposals, or an amendment of them. Our Senators sponsoring such a course vitally need our letters of endorsement. And even if we believe that the best hope of a peaceful world, from a political standpoint, lies in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, we should work for their improvement to conform as closely as may be to Christian standards. So it is important that we communicate to Government leaders our informed appraisal of them.

All citizens were invited by the Department of State last fall to consider and comment on these pro-

posals. Thereupon the National Study Conference at Cleveland, recognizing the special responsibility of Christians in the matter, devoted careful thought to the subject, with the result that the proposals were endorsed and commended to the consideration of the churches, with nine recommendations for improvement in the light of Christian principles.

Various organizations in this Diocese are therefore joining in sponsoring the movement locally. The Committee on a Christian World Order, of which Bishop Hart is Chairman, is acting through its area chairman and parish representatives to urge the parochial groups that have considered "The Guiding Principles" and "Six Pillars of Peace" to concentrate now on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. And the Woman's Auxiliary, through its Department of Education and its Department of Christian Social Relations, has issued a special call to its members to arrange with their Rectors for meetings of men and women of the parish.

Certain alert parish groups have already responded with appropriate action. And an impressive community rally in Roxborough has set a fine precedent for co-operation with Christians of other denominations and with non-church groups. But such action must be much more widespread if our Church is to exert its proper influence.

If your parish has not yet taken action in this matter, it is urged to do so immediately. Literature and information to assist you are available at the office of the Department of Christian Education in the Church House. Your own leaders should be most effective; but if no leadership within your parish is able or willing to serve, Miss Frazier at the Church House will be glad to make suggestions.

### SAINT MARGARET'S HOUSE 5419 GERMANTOWN AVENUE

Eastertide Quiet Day, Wednesday, April 25th—Holy Eucharist, 8:30 A. M.; First Meditation, 10:15 A. M.; closing at 3:15 P. M. Conductor, the Rev. Edmund B. Wood.

Saturday Quiet Evening, Ascensiontide, May 12th—From 4:30 to 9 P. M. Conductor, the Rev. Vincent F. Pottle.

Please register promptly with Sister Ethelwyn—Victor 4612.

# Department of Christian Education

## YOU CAN HAVE A VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

One of the emphases coming from the Second National Study Conference on the Churches and a Just and Durable Peace, held at Cleveland in January of this year, and which Bishop Hart has stressed recently, is the statement urging us to "accept the discipline of the achievable." What is meant by these words is, that in order to reach the goals we or others have set before us, there is a process involving certain steps which must be taken. We cannot wish or dream ourselves into the realization of our aims, nor can we achieve our ideals by allowing them to remain in the realm of academic discussion. We must accept the discipline of taking continuous action in order to attain to the desired results.

Most of us realize by now that we cannot hope for anything like permanent peace in the world unless we set our own house in order. The problems of our own land which we must face and attempt to solve have been brought to our attention in many ways. The question which all of us may well ask of ourselves at this point is: Is my parish or mission taking the steps necessary to help my community to live by the Spirit of the Lord whose life I share and of whose Body I am a member?

Many people in all walks of life are failing to meet their obligations today due to the lack of manpower or because those who are available and capable are overworked. For these reasons you may be prone either to discontinue your Vacation Church School or to postpone your plans to begin one. However, the facts that the need for such a project is as great, if not greater, than ever before, needs no demonstration.

Many of the clergy will bewail the fact that they cannot get adequate leadership or financial aid for such an undertaking. Before you turn down the idea, consult Room 30 at the Church House; they may be able to help you. Even if the Department is unable to assist you, don't give up yet.

Perhaps there is someone in your parish who has a special interest and who would be willing to give some time to sharing it with others.

This may mean that you will not be able to operate the usual well-rounded Vacation Church School with its program of worship, work, fellowship, and study. Nevertheless you may be able to offer some constructive activity in which the youth of your neighborhood will be interested and by which their lives will be enriched.

You may be able to build your program around one or more of the following activities, or these may suggest others to you: Tot lots, dancing classes, hobby groups, visual education, cooking and sewing

classes, victory gardens and flower culture, clean-up gangs for parish cellars, music. You may be able to co-operate with some project which your community is sponsoring.

It may be said that some of the above activities do not coincide with our conception of what a Vacation Church School should be. What difference does it make as long as we are taking all the steps possible to achieve our goals? This year we are called upon to use our initiative and imagination to the fullest of our ability. Existing conditions demand that we put forth added effort. Are we willing to accept the "discipline of the achievable"?

WALLACE M. PENNYPACKER.



## THE LENTEN OFFERING

OF THE CHURCH SCHOOLS OF THE DIOCESE

*will be presented*

SUNDAY, MAY 20, AT 4 P. M.

*at the Episcopal Academy*

BISHOP ROBERTS WILL SPEAK — BISHOP HART WILL RECEIVE THE OFFERING

AT THE PRESENTATION  
SERVICE WE WILL SING:

|                        |                     |
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| 530                    | 356 (St. Elizabeth) |
| 464                    | 537 (Marion)        |
| 474                    | 479                 |
| 499                    | 427 (America)       |
| (From the 1916 Hymnal) |                     |

The Choirs will sing: "I Sing  
a Song of the Saints of God"  
(243 in 1940 Hymnal).

## SUMMER CONFERENCE RETURNS TO URSINUS

After a two-year sojourn at Beaver College, the Diocesan Summer Conference will this year move back to Ursinus College, Collegeville. The Conference dates are: July 8th to 13th.



## February Ordinations



### TWO ARE ORDAINED AT ST. PAUL'S, CHESTER

Frederick Farwell Valentine, Jr., of 920 McDowell Avenue, Chester, was ordained to the diaconate in St. Paul's Church, Broad and Madison Streets, Chester, on Saturday morning, February 10th, at 10 A. M.

The Right Rev. William P. Roberts, D.D., Bishop of the Missionary District of Shanghai, officiated. The Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, acted as master of ceremonies.

The ordinand was presented by the Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, Rector of St. Paul's Church. The Litany was read by the Rev. Albert E. Wilcox, Rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Aronimink. The Epistle was read by the Rev. Jack W. Rennie, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Kennett Square. The ordination preacher was the Rev. Albert T. Mollegen, S.T.M., of the faculty of the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia.

William Thomas Warren, of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, was ordained at the same service, and was presented by the Rev. W. Colin Lee, Litt.D., Locum Tenens, St. Mary's Church, Ardmore.

Mr. Valentine is a life-long member of St. Paul's Church, a graduate of Chester High School and the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alex-

andria, Virginia. He also attended DuBose Memorial Training School, Monteagle, Tennessee.

The newly ordained deacon assisted with the celebration of Holy Communion at the eight o'clock service on Sunday morning in St. Paul's Church, and preached at the 10:30 A. M. service. He has been assigned by the Bishop to be in charge of the work at St. Alban's, Newtown Square, and St. Peter's, Brookethorpe Hills.



### THE REV. K. C. MORRIS IS ORDAINED

"It is a grand thing to be able to preach to a man with whom you have been fishing," declared the Rev. Joseph Forte Newton, D.D., Rector of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia, in the sermon he delivered at the ordination ceremony of the Rev. Kenneth C. Morris on February 23rd at Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, raised Mr. Morris to the priesthood and the Rev. E. Felix Kroman, Rector of Christ Church, presented the candidate.

Dr. Newton emphasized the fact that "a minister of the church does not belong to himself . . . he is a child of the church." He called preaching "the sacrament of person-

ality," and likened the personality of a clergyman to a "prism, through which the divine light shines."

"The pulpit," said Dr. Newton, "is a public place in which the preacher speaks of private and secret things . . . whispered by laymen." For this reason, if for no other, he stressed the necessity for complete sincerity and declared that as "a servant of human souls" the preacher must know and study the nature of those to whom he preaches.

Others present in the chancel during the ordination ceremony were: The Rev. J. Clemens Kolb, S.T.D., Chaplain, University of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Edward S. Gray, of Flushing, L. I., New York.

### CAREERS CALLING

In order to recruit workers for its Children's Department, the City Mission is making an effort to get in touch with young women about to finish their college course but without definite plans as to their future work. We want to place before such young women the possibilities of social work in the Church as a career. We would be prepared to show any interested person how it might be feasible for a college graduate to begin in our Children's Department as an untrained worker and, at the same time, carry courses in a school of social work which would enable her in time to obtain a diploma as a graduate of such a school.

We ask Rectors particularly to take notice of this matter. They are, in many instances, in touch with young women of their parishes who are about to finish college but not as yet decided as to their future work. We shall be very grateful if they will put us in touch with such members of their parishes and thus make it possible for us to ask them to consider the claims of social work as a career.

JAMES M. COLLINS.

### CLERGY RETREAT

The regular Autumn Retreat for the clergy of the Diocese will be held at Holiday House, Sellersville, from Monday afternoon, September 17th, until Thursday morning.



## Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, Editor

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This month we are hearing from a parish which has been working along unified lines for several years; we hope this may be an inspiration to others. We also hope to follow this with articles from other parishes which are working towards unity in women's work.

MARGARET PACKARD

### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese will be held at Old Christ Church, 2nd Street north of Market, on Monday, May 21st. At 10:30 A. M. there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion with the presentation of the Mission Study Offering.

The business meeting, immediately following, will open with a talk by Bishop Hart. Luncheon will be served in the Neighborhood House at the rear of the church at 12:30 P. M. Please send in reservations before May 11th.

The afternoon session will begin at 2 P. M. with an address by the Right Rev. Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington.

A Quiet Hour in the church at 4:30 P. M. and Evensong at 5:45 P. M., will be followed by supper at 6:30 P. M. and a combined meeting of the Diocesan Evening and the Junior Woman's Auxiliaries, speaker, Mrs. Arthur Sherman.

Mrs. J. Harold Austin is the Chairman for the annual meeting, and the Chairman for reservations is Mrs. Marmaduke Tilden. Please make reservations for both meals with Mrs. Tilden, the Church House, 202 South 19th Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. Lunch and supper, each, 75c. Registration fee, 25c.

The theme of the meeting will be "Looking Forward to Our Task in the Days Ahead," and reports will be in the nature of plans for the future instead of accounts of past business. Let's give Mrs. Packard our full support. This can be done if every woman in every parish and mission in the Diocese will make an effort to come to this meeting. If we come, we will obtain inspiration and return with a wider vision and a determination to meet more adequately the "task that lies ahead."

### ONE PARISH PLAN

"A whole parish growing in Christian fellowship, cutting paths of Grace through the wilderness" of our own local community and parish, deepening and broadening our participation in those activities which will make for a better life for our returning service people and us; that is the goal which our Bishop has set as the right one for the women of the Church. It requires that every earnest Christian woman take an adequate part in making the ideals and practices of Christ felt here and now dynamically in the work of the parish and the Church.

A unified program based upon the utmost simplicity of organization and the will to co-ordinate and understand all activities in the parish is one very real method for attaining this goal. For many years in Grace Church, Mount Airy, the women's work has been carried on through such a program. Every activity of the parish in which the women participate is represented on a central Executive Committee headed by the President of the Woman's Auxiliary and Guild. Sitting on the committee are the heads of every group of women that meets for work, worship or study.

There are on this committee a corps of elected officers; Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, United Thank Offering Treasurer, Educational Secretary, each of whom serves for a three-year period. In addition there are committee chairmen of the Altar Guild, Church Periodical Club, Devotion, House, Finance, Dime Banks, Work Room, Red Cross, Visiting, Convocation, Choir, Girl Scouts, and the Missionary Committees. Financial support is secured through pledge envelopes and by an "extra effort" project, called the Dime Banks. Many women who are unable otherwise to appear active participate in this support.

Executive Committee meetings are held monthly, and are regularly attended by the Rector, who is thus in a position to advise and to interpret the whole program of the parish and the Church. Weekly

### ANNUAL MEETING

— MAY 21, 1945 —  
OLD CHRIST CHURCH

10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion —  
Business Session.

12.30 P.M.—Lunch (Reservations).

6.30 P.M.—Supper (Reservations)  
and Business Sessions for Diocesan  
Evening and Junior  
Woman's Auxiliary.

Speakers—

BISHOP HART, BISHOP DUN,  
MRS. ARTHUR M. SHERMAN

meetings for hospital, church and Red Cross hand work are held by three different groups. At the monthly luncheon meeting, to which all women are welcome, an outstanding speaker presents some phase of our church work. Three times a year there are stated meetings held for the purpose of making a full report to all groups. A popular method of keeping the women currently informed of what is going on is through the *Auxiliary News*, published seven or eight months of the year. Once a month full reports of the Missionary Committee are made and are subsequently published in condensed form in our *Auxiliary News*.

We find that this central organization makes for a sustaining work throughout the years. It insures each group of an opportunity to hear about and to help direct the thinking of every other group. In it there is found a richer quality of life in all of our relationships. Through it we express our willingness to work harmoniously, one with the other. By it we hope to expand the horizons of our hearts and minds and spirits.

### RETREATS FOR WOMEN

The annual June retreat for the women of the Diocese, under the auspices of the Devotional Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Frank V. Burton, Chairman, will be held at St. Margaret's House, Germantown, from Monday evening, June 4th, until Wednesday morning. The conductor will be the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther.

# War Commission

## Easter Greetings

### TO THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

The Easter message of victory cannot be fully understood without a realization of the suffering and apparent defeat endured by Jesus Christ on the first Good Friday. He suffered and died not because of any wrong that He had committed, but because of the sins of humanity. His victory over sin in the form of death therefore includes all of us, just as His Passion was suffered for all of us.

Those of us who have served in the Armed Forces can understand this message. We know that the suffering endured by those taking part in this war was caused not by their own misdeeds, but is being endured in order that final victory may be achieved—a victory that will give freedom from oppression and the opportunity to establish a civilization based upon the Christian philosophy of the Golden Rule.

It is eternally true, in the physical world as well as in the spiritual world, that growth and development comes through effort and struggle and sometimes suffering. The greater the goal, the greater the effort or the suffering; and the greater the satisfaction of victory.

Faithfully your Bishop,

OLIVER J. HART

### BISHOP DEDICATES AUMBRY AND TRIPTYCH

"To the glory of God, as a thank offering for those in active service in the armed forces, and in loving memory of those who have laid down their lives for their friends." So did Bishop Hart dedicate an aumbry and triptych at St. Peter's, Phoenixville. It was given by members of the congregation.

The piece is the first work of its kind by Mr. Joseph M. Clements, of Chester Springs, Pa. The figure of Christ the King dominates the center panel with a background of the grapevine symbolizing the Cross and Christ as the Source of Life. In the figure of Christ the artist has conveyed the thought of our Blessed Lord as the fountain of all victory and peace. On the two flanking panels which themselves are covered with a beautifully diapered design of fleur de lis and crosses are the seals of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force, representative of the four basic services. Across the base of the triptych are the words, "Come unto me all ye that travail and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The Bishop was assisted in the service at St. Peter's by Chaplain (Capt.) Frederick E. Morse of the



Valley Forge General Hospital, and the Rector of the parish, the Rev. William N. Lanigan. Afterwards the Bishop and Chaplain and Mrs. Morse were the guests of the parish at the annual supper and meeting.

St. Peter's carries some ninety-four names on its Honor Roll, representing men and women serving in all theatres of war. One has died in the line of duty and two have been killed in action.

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### CHAPLAINS' PENSIONS

The Army and Navy Commission is paying pension assessments in behalf of from 450 to 500 Chaplains at the rate of about \$7,000 a month. The generosity of those who have contributed to the work of the Army and Navy Commission has thus made it possible, among other important activities, to continue without interruption the pension protection of those clergymen who are now in the service of the armed forces as Chaplains.

### MESSAGE FROM IWO JIMA

"This is Sunday on Iwo—the strangest Sunday these Marines have ever spent. There were no sermons except for the short greetings from the Chaplains who crawled from fox-hole to fox-hole, inquiring of each man's health." —*New York Times*.

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*The road stretched east and the  
road stretched west  
And the Chaplain pointed the way  
that was best  
And the boy turned right and went  
straight on  
And won the race and the victor's  
crown;  
He came at last to the mansions fair  
Because the Chaplain stood at the  
crossroads there*

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.



# Episcopal Hospital News

## EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL NEWS

Recently the Hospital was selected by the Government as a base hospital for the distribution of penicillin, a product from fungus mold which has proved very useful in the treatment of infections. Most penicillin produced has been used for war casualties, but limited amounts have been made available for civilian needs throughout the country.

On February 5th a new class of 32 students entered the School of Nursing. The students spend the first four months in a very intensive pre-clinical course at Temple University, where they receive instruction on a college level in anatomy, physiology, psychology of nursing and nursing arts. This relationship with Temple University has recently been established and has proved of considerable value.

## Helpful Information to Those Seeking Admission

1. It is good to talk with the family physician. He is responsible for determining the need for hospital care.
2. It is common practice for the family physician to discuss the patient's situation with the Hospital's Chief Resident by telephone and then to give the patient a note to the Chief Resident.
3. If the physician is a member of the Hospital medical staff, the patient may be admitted directly to the proper service. If the physician is not a staff member, the patient will be examined by the physician in the Receiving Ward, whose responsibility it is, with the chief resident, to determine if the patient needs to be admitted.
4. If the patient has no physician, he will be seen in the Receiving Ward by the Chief Resident, and then if the Hospital can care for him he will be admitted. There are some types of problems with which the Hospital is not prepared to deal, especially mental illness, contagious diseases, tuberculosis and chronically ill patients who require only nursing care.
5. In instances where there is any question of the Hospital's ability to accept the patient for admission, it is especially important for

Beginning in December, two clergymen in parish churches began visiting at the Hospital a half day a week. They write notes on the visits and have discussions with doctors and the Chaplain for the purpose of improving their pastoral care of the sick. This visiting is in connection with a seminar for clergy conducted by Dr. English, Professor of Psychiatry, Temple Medical School, and Dean of Temple University School of Theology, and Chaplain Morris.

All previous records were broken in the Maternity Department in February when there were two hundred babies delivered. January was almost as busy a time on Maternity, when there were one hundred and ninety babies delivered.

the doctor or rector to telephone the Chief Resident and present the facts to him.

6. There have been times recently when it was necessary to admit only emergency cases and the acutely ill. If a parishioner cannot be accepted for admission, it is always due to the inability to care for the patient and not through a lack of desire to be helpful to him.
7. After the patient is admitted it is usually helpful to wait for two or three days before consulting with the doctor, who thus has had an opportunity to make a thorough examination.
8. It is well to make plans for the patient's discharge a few days in advance so that the plans necessary for caring for the patient at home or elsewhere can be promptly carried through, soon after the doctor is ready for the patient to leave the Hospital.
9. If there are special needs or difficulties, religious, social, economic, it may be useful to contact the Chaplain. If the need is the responsibility of another department, it can be referred to the proper person.

ROBERT D. MORRIS,  
*Chaplain.*

# Endowment Fund Opens Office

At a recent meeting of the Committee for the Enlargement of the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate, appointed by Bishop Hart, plans were adopted for keeping this objective and its work constantly before the people of the Diocese. The capital amount needed, fully to establish the Endowment, is \$1,500,000. Clarence M. Brown is Chairman of this Committee and the Treasurer is Spencer Ervin.

An office in the Church House has been assigned, and the Secretary, Miss Frances Sappington, will be available during business hours every week-day except Saturday, to answer personally, or by telephone or correspondence, inquiries concerning the Fund, and to supply information to members of the Church contemplating, or knowing those who may be considering, the making of gifts or bequests to this Fund. (Telephone - Spruce 6650.)

The members of the Committee are as follows:

Schofield Andrews, Frederic L. Ballard, Charles J. Biddle, Livingston L. Biddle, Clarence C. Brinton, \*Clarence M. Brown, Radcliffe Cheston, Jr., Edward B. Clay, \*William H. DuBarry, Mrs. S. Naudain Duer, \*Spencer Ervin, W. A. M. Fuller, Thomas S. Gates, \*Mrs. Horace B. Hare, \*Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Samuel F. Houston, Mrs. Joseph B. Hutchinson, C. Jared Ingersoll, Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, \*C. Hermann Krumbhaar, P. Blair Lee, Francis A. Lewis, Shippen Lewis, Robert T. McCracken, Mrs. Bisham McKean, W. W. Montgomery, Jr., \*Marshall S. Morgan, Frank H. Moss, Charles Myers, W. Heyward Myers, Jr., Mrs. Francis R. Packard, A. J. Drexel Paul, George W. Pepper, Philip Price, I. Smith Raspin, \*Thomas B. K. Ringe, T. Williams Roberts, Ernest Scott, Lee Sowden, A. G. B. Steel, \*Edward Lowber Stokes, W. D. Stroud, M.D., Owen J. Toland, M.D., George D. Widener, David E. Williams, Mrs. Clement B. Wood, Mrs. George Woodward.

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## BLACK vs. WHITE

Rarely does Nature provide straight lines or incisive demarcation. The towering range of mountains is introduced by miles of ascending foothills; dry land most often slopes gently to the sea, and the water itself is usually relatively shallow perhaps for miles out from shore. Science has demonstrated time and again that no sharp line divides the non-living from the living, the plant world from the animal. Even man's body is said to die progressively and not with the dramatic suddenness that is apparent to the untrained eye of the layman.

This same principle, as it bears upon the great spiritual fields of truth and falsehood, moral right and wrong, and the general concepts of good and bad, is the source of much difficulty in man's thinking, speaking, and believing. If the world would only provide us with absolute divisions which competent minds could detect and mark for those who come after, all our thinking and behavior would be infinitely simplified. There are those persons, many of them of giant mental stature, who have adopted the "silhouette" view of life in which everything can be defined as either black or white, and they have built a whole philosophy on it. But human nature, or Nature itself, seems rather to fit a "photographic" concept wherein facts and actions are of infinite shades of gray, practically nothing being so irremediably bad as to be called black, and nothing but God himself so impeccably good as to be designated white. Most of the things coming within a man's experience would be found to consist of mingled good and bad.

## Scriptures and Behavior Vary

The Holy Scriptures themselves are not all on a single level. They portray a progressive revelation of Divine truth, they depict a life, they portray God. But no two minds, excellent as they may be in capacity, training, and good faith, will come out with exactly the same interpretation of all the truths portrayed. One scarcely needs to more than glance at the backs of books on the shelf of any good theological library to be made aware of this. Or turn the clear light of unprejudiced scrutiny on your own pattern of behavior. The acts of kindness that you can recall, were they entirely devoid of voluntary or involuntary self-advantage? Your acts of worship, are they from sheer love and adoration or a good God, or is there some flavor of self-serving about them? Or on the other side of the spiritual ledger where the "black marks" are entered, consider some examples of definite wrongs, is there no redeeming hint of kindness to another to keep them from being utterly black? A fair view of each situation would seem to indicate that both good and bad are mingled in varying proportions.

## Redeeming Evil

Such a view of things does not, of course, mean that an action or policy characterized by a deep shade of gray is permissible just because it has enough white in it to keep it from being absolute black. It means, rather, that those who would adopt Christ's way of dealing with people will probe beneath the surface to find what there is of white and then spare no effort to draw it out and make it grow to the point where it can dominate the situation. Surely this is the policy of redeeming as compared with that of condemning. Christ lived and died to redeem, not to condemn.

Such a view of life and living places infinitely greater responsibility on individuals than the slashing right and left of drastic positivism. It is a view that never reaches such a stage of equilibrium that would permit one to be a dictator. Dictators must know within their own hearts and minds that they are absolutely right and all opposition is absolutely wrong. Any doubt would result in hesitancy, and a dictator must never hesitate or show the weakness of reconsidering a decision once made. He cannot afford the

luxury of looking at the other fellow's point of view, his hopes, feelings, or so-called rights. Where there is a difference of opinion or policy one must be entirely right, the other entirely wrong.

It is a small step from such a position to that of charging downright wickedness to all opposition that really registers. The transition is subtle and easily made. Notice how in the start of each political campaign the opposition is "mistaken" or at worst a bit "stupid." But as the climax draws near, the sham is thrown aside and they become "wicked" and "corrupt," consciously plotting sinister things against an unsuspecting or impotent public. We saw it in the fall election campaign. We can all remember similar things in the attempted "purge" actions of former years.

## Charity Amid Disagreement

How simple it would all be if the story might end there! But a further demonstration is at hand of our basic thought that blackness and whiteness are not to be found strictly localized in this life. The lambs enfolded by our own beloved Church, when bathed by the strong light of controversy and disagreement among themselves, betray a more or less generous sprinkling of the darker hues. The pages of Church history tell too many stories of men, often great men ready to charge with conscious evil and general depravity those who held a contrary interpretation of known facts, or advocated a divergent course of action. The pages of Church publications have time and again been blackened with un-Christian condemnation inspired by what impartial observers could call honest disagreement. Not even the floor of diocesan conventions is immune though that floor more often than not is the nave of a house of worship, and the delegates are the leading men, clerical and lay, of the "Body of Christ on earth."

Democracy in its true sense has often been referred to as a direct fruit of the Christian view of man and his life. It springs from, and must rest upon, absolute confidence of good faith in the opposition. Even with the impersonal tangibles with which most science deals there is opportunity for considerable difference of interpretation. As the factors become more personal and less tangible the opportunities for



different interpretations become greater, all within the field of good faith. It cannot be otherwise until we "understand all mysteries, and all knowledge." In the meantime nothing can serve more powerfully the cause of convincing men of the power of Christ over human life than repeated demonstrations of how Christian Charity can tame the jungle venom that lies close to the surface of every tongue to inflame words of denunciation or moisten the pen of bitter disagreement.

A. O. J.

## Secretary's Notes

The Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will open Monday, April 30th, at 5 P. M. in Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market. (This change is made in order that the Diocese may share in the 250th Anniversary of Christ Church.) The members of the Convention are to be the guests of Christ Church at supper at 6:15 in the Parish House. The Mass Meeting will be held at 8 P. M. in Christ

Church. At this time the Bishop will make his annual address to the Diocese and the Church will be open to the public. The Tuesday (May 1st) session will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets. The meeting will open with the service of Holy Communion at 9 A. M.

The Provincial Council of the Province of Washington has decided to cancel the meeting of the Synod scheduled for October in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. This was done in order that the Church would not in any way impede the war effort.

The Wellesley Conference has been cancelled to conform to the O. D. T. ruling.

Many churches are setting up reserve funds to pay for major repairs that must be made after the war ends. Some parishes, like St. Luke, Germantown, and Grace, Mt. Airy, are making plans for complete renovation and enlargement of parish house facilities. St. Peter's, Weldon, plans a new building. St. Matthias, West Oak Lane, under the leadership of the Rev. Albert F. Fischer,

is raising seventy-five thousand dollars for a new church edifice. Convocation of Chester has a most extensive program.

In the letters that come to the Secretary's desk it is gratifying to read those that inform the Secretary that the vestry has considered the salary of its Rector and has voted an increase. The scale of \$2,400 and rectory ought not to be considered the maximum in these days for a self-supporting parish to pay its Rector.

The Rev. John W. Talbott, formerly Vicar in charge of St. Stephen's Church, Wissahickon, has accepted a call to the rectorship of the Church of the Advent, Cape May, N. J., and has transferred to the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. Edward Daley has been appointed Priest in Charge of St. Stephen's Church, Wissahickon, in conjunction with his work as Vicar of St. Andrew's Chapel, West Manayunk.

CHARLES H. LONG,  
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## Girls' Friendly Society Activities

The Annual Festival Service of the Girls' Friendly Society will be held this year at St. Mark's Church, 16th and Locust Streets, on April 26th, at 8 P. M. The organization greatly appreciates the opportunity to visit this beautiful edifice and is honored in having as the speaker on this occasion the Rt. Rev. William P. Roberts, Bishop of Shanghai, China.

The Junior members of the Girls' Friendly will hold their annual service on May 5th at 2:30 P. M. in St. James' Church, Kingsessing, also a first visit for this occasion. The Rector, the Rev. James C. Gilbert, will give the address. Following the service, the awarding of prizes to Juniors entering the Senior Members' Annual Contest will take place. This is always a most interesting and enthusiastic occasion.

During the spring the Missions Committee is conducting a series of Missionary Trails in the several districts of the Diocese for the presentation of the American Indian as our neighbor and friend. The first was held at St. Luke's Church, Germantown, on February 26th, the second on March 5th at the Church of the Holy Apostles and Mediator. On March 19th the North Philadelphia District held its meeting at Christ Church, Franklinville, at 8 P. M., with the Rev. Robert P. Frazier as speaker.

Another series of meetings held among the Friendly groups in the Diocese was the Junior Round Table Conferences, which were meetings of Junior leaders, primarily, although anyone interested in work among young people was most welcome. The first was held at St. Luke's Parish House, Germantown, on March 6th, another on the 9th of March at St. Nathanael's, Allegheny Avenue and E Street, and a third on March 14th at the Church House, 202 South 19th Street. Miss Caroline Wagner, Chairman of Younger Members, with several competent aides are on hand at each meeting with suggestions and new ideas for Junior groups, a series proving very helpful and quite worthwhile.

The Holiday House Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. William W. Cardwell, is hard at work with plans for the coming summer at Cape May, N. J., where so many of the G. F. S., together with their friends, spend happy vacations. Weekly rates for members run from \$12 to \$18 per week and for non-members, \$18 to \$21 per week. Reservations may be made for week-ends, or by the day at slightly higher rates. The ideal location of our house on one of Cape May's pleasantly shaded streets, with wide veranda, bath-house accommodations, and within easy walking distance of the beach, gives a happy setting for rest and vacationing. Application should be made to Mrs. William W. Cardwell, 202 South 19th Street, until May 1st, after which she may be reached at 644 Hughes Street, Cape May, N. J.

We are greatly indebted to the efforts of the Committee which handled the recent Card Party at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, from which our diocesan treasury netted over \$400, part of which will be used to start a fund for doing over the exterior of the Holiday House at Cape May. In the spring or early summer we hope to have an outdoor event to further increase the fund.

We are happy to know that Mrs. Clifford Nobes (formerly Miss Florence Moore, a G. F. S. worker) and her family have been liberated from a Japanese internment camp in the Philippines and are safe in Manila.

## UNUSUAL GIFT PRESENTED TO ALL HALLOWS, WYNCOTE

All Hallows, Wyncote, has recently received a most interesting gift, a panel of oak taken from one of the choir stalls of All Hallows, Barking, London, the church in which William Penn was baptized. The wood was removed some years ago while renovating was in progress. On the back of it names and initials and dates have been carved, the earliest being 1753. (Tradition has it that choir boys accomplished this when sermons got too long!) At the kindly suggestion of Mr. A. Hugh Harper, of Fairlight Cove,



Sussex, England, the gift was placed at the disposal of the English-Speaking Union. The presentation was made by the Rev. Michael Coleman, formerly Acting Vicar of All Hallows, London, at a luncheon given in his honor in Philadelphia on February 21st by the English-Speaking Union. The Rev. Frederick B. Halsey, Rector of All Hallows, Wyncote, accepted the gift on behalf of his parish.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL BY MAIL REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES

The annual report of the Church School by Mail, conducted by the Department of Religious Education of the Diocese, indicates that during the past year 44 new pupils were enrolled, making a total of 317 on the roll during the year. Thirty-two of these were attached to nearby Sunday Schools, and 33 were removed from the list for other reasons, leaving the present enrollment at 252; 182 in the Convocation of Chester, 34 in the Convocation of Germantown, 33 in the Convocation of Norristown, one in New York, one in New Mexico, one in Philadelphia.

Lessons numbering 13,624 were mailed to 107 different families. Forty-six families responded regularly, and 42 families responded occasionally, returning the questions and accompanying lesson sheets. A Lenten mite box was mailed to each family, and an offering amounting to \$42.20 was received.

One hundred and fifteen visits were made by Miss Dorothy Kohl, the Field Director, who arranged for the baptism of 24 children in various parishes, and three confirmations. One hundred and fifty-two scholarships at \$3.00 were contributed by Woman's Auxiliary branches, Church Schools and individual donors. In addition to these scholarship funds, a sum of money was contributed for gifts distributed at Christmas, consisting of a creche for each family, religious books, and lapel crosses for each child.

In co-operation with the City Mission, a program of social service was undertaken, resulting in an operation for the correction of a speech defect in one child.

Clergy of parishes and missions in the area where the Church School by Mail operates were invited to sit in with the Committee of the Department of Religious Education, for counsel and suggestions.

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The Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church are trustees of the Burd School for fatherless girls, founded by Mrs. Eliza Burd in 1860. Applications are received for girls between the ages of four and eight years.

During last year \$9,000 was paid off on the mortgage of the Seamen's Church Institute building.

In a recent court settlement of the estate of Miss Laura Bell, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, was awarded a bequest of \$30,000 to cancel a mortgage on the Church Community House, which now houses a service men's club.

Bishop Hart, of the class of 1913, is carried on the Honor Roll of Hobart College *Alumni News* for his support of the development program of the college.

Mrs. Gideon C. Montgomery, wife of the Rector of St. Luke's Church, Kensington, spent the month of February on duty as a nurse's aide at Ashford General Hospital for wounded soldiers, at White Sulphur Springs. Mrs. Montgomery formerly served in a similar capacity at the Episcopal Hospital.

The Rev. James M. Collins, Superintendent of the City Mission, addressed the Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, on "The Church Ministers to a Variety of People."

The men of All Saints' Church, Cheltenham, are planning for victory gardens next summer on the Fisher Estate, located near the church.

The House of Rest for the Aged, in Germantown, is fifty years old. Since it was opened it has been the home of more than two hundred aged women. Thirty women are now guests at the House. Recently there has been added an infirmarium wing.

From contributions in the red side of the envelopes, St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, made payments during the year to the Philadelphia Divinity School, Churchmen in the Conscientious Objectors' Camps, and the War Commission, besides paying the Missionary Quota in full.

Mr. Freas B. Snyder, representing the Episcopal Church, is serving on an interdenominational committee engaged in making a survey in Upper Darby Township, regarding the opportunity for week-day religious instruction.

Eight acres of land adjacent to Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, has been set apart for further establishing the area as a national historical shrine. The U. S. Treasury Department transferred the property to the National Park Service of the Interior Department.

Quotas for Sunday School classes at the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, totaled \$955 for the Lenten Offering.

An exhibition of doll houses was held in the Parish House of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, proceeds for the Lenten Sunday School Offering.

At the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown, the Sunday School built a replica of Our Father's House, Ethete, Wyoming. As each class raised a percentage of its quota for the Missionary Offering, it added a log to the structure.

Mrs. Robert P. Frazier, who formerly worked on an Indian reservation, spoke to the Sunday School of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, about Indian work in Wyoming. When she received a check for \$20 as a token of appreciation, she added it to the Lenten Offering of St. Giles Church, Stonehurst, where her husband is Rector.

An outgrowth of the Lenten Mission Study: The Sunday School of the Church of the Trinity, Coatesville, presented an Indian missionary play, "Where the Trails Cross," at the annual parish meeting on Easter Monday.

Awards for perfect attendance at Sunday School at Trinity Church, Swarthmore, were recently made to about twenty of the pupils.

The Church School of St. John's Church, Norristown, conducted a hobby show. Dolls, stamps, horses, matches, pitchers, paintings, geological specimens, artificial gardens, trays, and local history were some of the many collections on display.

The Rev. Charles W. Shreiner recently addressed the Downingtown Rotary Club, relating his experiences in founding and conducting the Church Farm School, which now has an enrollment of eighty students.

The twentieth anniversary of the rectorship of the Rev. Charles E. Eder, D.D., was celebrated at Grace Church, Mt. Airy, on March 4th, with a buffet supper, attended by more than 450 parishioners. He was presented with an Oriental rug for the rectory. Bishop Hart was present and made the principal address. Plans were discussed for the renovation and enlargement of the Parish House.

The people of St. Matthias' Church, West Oak Lane, are engaged in a project to raise \$20,000 towards their new church, to be erected after the termination of the war. This sum will be added to about \$50,000 already in hand for the building.

St. John's Church, Norristown, is raising a fund of \$50,000 for the construction of a Memorial Peace Tower on the church.

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## THE REV. D. M. STEELE DIES

The Rev. David McConnell Steele, D.D., Rector Emeritus of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, died in the Bryn Mawr Hospital on Friday, February 23rd, at the age of 72. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Philip Steinmetz at West Laurel Hill Cemetery on February 28th. He is survived by his widow, Martha Virginia (Mills) Steele, whom he married in 1930.

He was born near Pittsburgh, Pa., June 11, 1873, the son of John Cameron and Margaret (McConnell)



Steele. He received the B.A. degree from Wooster College, Ohio, in 1895; M.A., Columbia, 1899; B.D., Union Seminary, 1899; D.D., Temple University, 1912. He was ordained Deacon in 1899, and Priest in 1900 by Bishop Littlejohn, of Long Island.

He was assistant at Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, from 1899 to 1901; assistant, St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, 1901 to 1904; Rector, Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 1904 to 1934; Rector Emeritus from 1934 to the time of his death. His last residence was at 121 Glen Road, Ardmore.

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The "Why," "Where" and "How" of the Missionary Imperative will be presented to the parish representatives and officers of all diocesan organizations at a meeting in the parish house of Holy Trinity

Church, Wednesday evening, June the sixth.

The general "Plan of Action for 1945-1946" will be discussed in order that there may be a co-ordinated effort, throughout the Diocese, to develop and expand the work of the Commission.



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Author of a number of books, Dr. Sockman's most recent contribution to religious literature is "Date With Destiny," published last year. In this book he declares that, "The time has come for flag and cross to face the same task." In March, 1944, he was one of twenty-eight clergymen who signed a declaration condemning "obliteration bombing" of German cities. Dr. Sockman's address will be the third in a series of sermons on religious co-operation by preachers of every denomination active in Colonial times. The series has been arranged by the Rev. E. Felix Kloman, Rector of Christ Church, for the third Sunday of

each month, and the guest preachers are from Baptist, Episcopalian, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Reformed churches.

## CONFIRMATIONS DECLINE

To the Editor of THE CHURCH NEWS:

I would like to add some observations to Bishop Hart's excellent article on "Communicant Membership" which is appearing in this issue.

I (the layman mentioned) have for some time been deeply disturbed by the steady decline in the number of confirmations. When the 1944 *Journal* disclosed that the number confirmed in 1943 was the smallest (with the exception of 1920) in over forty years, I felt that the time had come for having just as definite an objective for confirmation as there always has been for dollars; that the minimum objective should be to replace the annual loss, for anything less than this would be a tacit admission that the Diocese had reached the peak of its strength and was reconciling itself to a steady decline.

The next step was to ascertain what the annual loss is. It proved to be in excess of four percent. But an ambition to do no better than to break even year after year is not a very lofty one. No finer tribute could be paid to Bishop Hart than to double the number of communicants by the time he had reached the age of retirement (1962). Hence, to the four percent required for replacement, I added five percent for growth. Some have suggested that the quota should be reduced from nine percent to six percent. The only result of this reduction would be to extend from 1962 to 1992 the date when the Diocese could say that it had doubled its number of communicants.

Christ Church is this year celebrating its 250th anniversary. This was the first Episcopal parish in what is now the Diocese of Pennsylvania, which today has a population of 2,750,000, of whom 75,000 are Episcopalians. This means that there has been a net increment of one communicant per day for 250 years, not counting Sundays and holidays on which no conversions are made! Is this an adequate accomplishment for 275 priests and 225 parishes? In the face of such a showing, who wants to stand up and say that a quota for confirmees is a dangerous innovation?

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